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1. AS REPORTED BY THE CABLE UNDER REFERENCE (NOT SENT TO THE HAGUE), THE COMBINED MEMBERSHIP OF THE DOMESTIC COUNCIL CABINET COMMITTEES ON DRUG ABUSE AND THE CABINET COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL APPROVED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW DEA POSITIONS OVERSEAS DURING FY-1975. ACTING ON THIS APPROVAL, DEA HAS SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT JUSTIFICATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF 116 NEW DEA POSITIONS ON A WORLD-WIDE BASIS DURING FY-1975, 67 OF WHICH ARE IN ARA INCLUDING THE CARIBBEAN. THE DEPARTMENT HAS STUDIED AND APPROVED THE DEA PROPOSALS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF THESE POSITIONS PENDING POST CONCURRENCES AND, WHERE DEEMED APPROPRIATE, WHERE DEEMED APPROPRIATE.

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SITATIONS PENDING POST CONCURRENCES AND, WHERE DEEMED APPROPRIATE, WHERE DEEMED APPROPRIATE.

PRIATE BY THE CHIEF OF MISSION, HOST GOVERNMENT APPROVAL.
THE NEW POSITIONS WILL NOT FALL WITHIN OPRED CEILINGS, BUT
ARE ADDITIONAL TO CURRENT STAFFING LEVELS.

2. AS PART OF ITS PLANNED INCREASES, DEA PROPOSES OPENING
AN OFFICE IN CURACAO TO BE STAFFED BY A SPECIAL AGENT IN
CHARGE, A SPECIAL AGENT, AND A SECRETARY. DEA REPORTS THAT
COMMISSIONER JOHN OLDENBOOM OF THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES HAS
STATED THAT HE WOULD WELCOME PERMANENT DEA REPRESENTATIVES
IN CURACAO.

3. DEA HAS LEARNED FROM ITS INVESTIGATIONS IN OTHER AREAS
AND FROM TESTIMONY TAKEN IN GRAND JURY AND COURT CASES IN
THE U.S. THAT THE SOUTHERN AND EASTERN CARIBBEAN IS IN-
CREASING IN IMPORTANCE AS A TRANSSHIPMENT AREA FOR NAR-
COTICS FROM SOUTH AMERICA AND ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD. DEA
BELIEVES THAT AN OFFICE IN CURACAO WOULD ENABLE DEA TO BE
MORE EFFECTIVE IN MONITORING THESE AREAS. MOST OF THE
CARIBBEAN IS NOW COVERED BY DEA'S MIAMI OFFICE, BUT COVER-
AGE HAS NOT BEEN AS EFFECTIVE OR WELL ORGANIZED AS SITU-
ATION REQUIRES. A CURACAO OFFICE WOULD BE WITHIN THE
JURISDICTION OF AND ABLE TO DRAW ON THE RESOURCES OF THE
NEWLY OPENED DEA REGIONAL OFFICE IN CARACAS. THE DEA OF-
FICE WOULD BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL
AND, OF COURSE, WOULD REPORT TO THE CONSUL GENERAL IN THE
FIRST INSTANCE.

4. IT IS DEA POLICY THAT THEIR OVERSEAS OFFICES BE STAFFED
BY A MINIMUM OF TWO OFFICERS SUPPORTED BY A SECRETARY. DEA
EXPERIENCE HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ONE-
MAN OFFICES IS LIMITED. THE SECURITY OF AN AGENT IN AN
INVESTIGATIVE SITUATION WITH HOST COUNTRY COUNTERPARTS RE-
QUIRES THE PRESENCE OF A SECOND, BACK-UP AGENT. IN AD-
DITION, OF COURSE, ROUTINE REQUIREMENTS OF TRAVEL, ANNUAL
AND SICK LEAVE, ETC., LEAVE THE OFFICE UNCOVERED PROFES-
SIONALLY UNLESS THERE ARE TWO AGENTS.

5. FOR THE HAGUE: IF YOU BELIEVE IT IS NECESSARY TO DO SO,
PLEASE SEEK GON CONCURRENCE, DRAWING ON THE BACK-GROUND AND
RATIONALE IN PARAGRAPHS ONE THROUGH FOUR ABOVE AS APPROPRI-
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ATE, FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEA OFFICE IN CURACAO
DURING FY-1975. PLEASE KEEP BOTH THE DEPARTMENT AND
CURACAO INFORMED OF YOUR ACTIONS AND THE RESULTS THEREOF.

6. FOR CURACAO: IF YOU CONCUR IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
DEA OFFICE, AND UPON RECEIPT OF A GO-AHEAD FROM THE HAGUE,
PLEASE TAKE WHATEVER ACTION YOU DEEM NECESSARY TO OBTAIN
GONA CONCURRENCE.

7. EARLY REPLIES WOULD BE APPRECIATED. KISSINGER

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